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## Minutes 04/07/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF MEETING  
 7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building  
 4/7/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman	Turkall*

\* Indicates present

VISITOR: Richard Corredera

Minutes of 3/31 & 4/4 were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Phelps reviewed her update of the number of non-school employees working for the town each year since 1980 which shows a decline of 37% over 30 yrs. A version of this chart will be an appendix in the report.

ART 33 & 34 CONSOLIDATION OF TOWN & SCHOOL FUNCTIONS: Tosti, who chairs the consolidation committee reviewed the committee's recommendations which he had distributed by email. Members expressed concern w/ the charter for the proposed working group. VOTED to support the vote of the BoS (assuming they support the recommendations) Unanimous.

ART 54 RESCIND AUTHORITY TO BORROW: Fiscal SubCom(Foskett) recommended a list of 3 items. The largest, \$10m for fire stations, was conditional on receipt of stimulus funds. The funds were not received. Voted to rescind as proposed ( \$10,001,534). Unanimous.

ART 60 TOWN CELEBRATIONS: VOTED \$10,667. Unanimous. This is the same as last year's appropriation,

ART 75 CEMETERY FUNDS: VOTED to transfer \$10k to Capital Plan, \$150k to DPW from the Lots & Graves Fund & the Perpetual Care Fund. Unanimous

BUD 9 ASSESSORS: Fiscal SubCom(McGaffigan) recommended several changes to the Board's budget. Significantly, the members have agreed to reduce their stipends from \$5200 to \$4900. He also recommended zeroing the overtime budget. VOTED \$307,598. Unanimous

RINK EF: HumSer SubCom(Franclemont) provided a revised budget with the same bottom lines as in the budget book. She reported that the renovations are proceeding well & provided a sample of the roof insulation. VOTED

Expenses \$539,364; Revenue \$552,000. Net \$12,636 Unanimous

RECREATION EF HumSer SubCom(Franclemont) provided a revised budget. She noted that last summer's revenues were lower than expected in part because of the rain. VOTED Revenue \$563,288; Expenses \$562,340; Net \$948. Unanimous.

CoA TRANS EF: HumSer SubCom(Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. She noted that the Manager has been told about the apparent unbudgeted late tax bill. VOTED Revenue \$124,292; Expenses \$114,973, Net \$9,319. 15-1

YOUTH SER EF: HumSer SubCom(Franclemont) provided a revised salary detail sheet which shows the approach that Sharkey plans to take in making this enterprise fund self supporting. The Town will support the EF during transition. VOTED Revenue \$16,000; Expenses \$166,451, Net -\$150,451 .

ART 58 MM TECH BOND: The Committee discussed this article for an hour. The Manager had recommended no action until the school showed it could be viable. He is to meet w/ the Superintendent next week. The Chair recommended DeCoursey attend. Should the feasibility study develop a plan for a new building, the cost might be as much as \$70m, which would have a \$23m impact on Arlington's capital plan. Members noted the frustrations experienced over many years in influencing the cost of sending Arlington students to Minuteman. They suggested a negative vote would carry some weight. Members also suggested that due process requires the Manager and Superintendent to meet before any vote. Another concern is the availability of vocational/technical education should MM Tech close. Would Arlington public schools have to develop similar programs? Some members feel that there is limited interest in voc-tech education in most of the MM district towns. MM Members agreed that a strategic plan is needed.. VOTED no action with a recommendation to develop a strategic plan first. 14-2.

#### COMMITTEE

Expanded school budget information was distributed.

The agenda for past & future meetings may be found at [www.arlingtonma.gov/fincom](http://www.arlingtonma.gov/fincom)

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 4/10/10 revised 4/12/10.

cc FinCom Members, Library File, Town Web Site, FinCom Web Site

#### VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT	3/17	3/31	Limited support 13-5
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation	2/24	3/1	No report
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			BoS
28			Pension Liability Funding			Report at Twn Mtg
29			Transfer Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
30			Transfer Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report
31			Sell Crosby	3/17	3/31	No report
32			Sell Parmenter	3/17	3/31	No report
33			Accept Law Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin	4/7	4/7	support BoS
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin	4/7	4/7	support BoS
36			Dog Control	3/1		BoS

37		Compensation of Selectmen	3/17	3/31	No action
39		Additional Warrant Article notification	3/1		No report
47		Collective Bargaining	3/17	3/17	No action
48		Future Collective Bargaining			
49		Salary Adjustment Elected Officials	3/17	3/17	No action
50		Positions Reclassification	3/31	3/31	\$7,888
51		Vacation Time Bylaw	3/17	3/17	Support
52		Budgets	NA	NA	See next page
53		Capital Budget	3/15	3/15	\$7,959,673
54		Rescind authority to borrow	4/7	4/7	\$10,001,534
55		Sewers	3/17	3/17	\$650,000
56		Water	3/17	3/17	\$1,300,000
57		Minuteman Tech	2/22	3/31	\$2,739,795
58		Minuteman Tech Bond Authorization	2/22, 3/17,31	4/7	No action 14-2
59		Committees & Commissions	2/17, 3/1	2/17, 3/1	\$14,760, \$3000 for ARC
60		Celebrations	4/7	4/7	10,667
61		Misc Appropriations	3/17	3/17	\$16,337
62		Scholarship Fund Expenses	4/5	4/5	No action
63		Pension Adjustment	3/31	3/31	favorable action
64		Safe Routes to School	3/17	3/17	\$0 funded by grant
65		Harry Barber Service Program	2/24	3/31	No action
66		Minuteman Senior Services	2/24	3/31	No action
67		Social Worker	2/24	3/31	18,179
68		Traffic Supervisors	2/24	2/24	No action
69		Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70		Uncle Sam	2/17	3/1	No action
71		Restore Trees	2/17	3/1, 3/17	No action, Desheler comment
72		Local Option Taxes	3/31	3/31	No action
73		OPEB	3/31	3/31	498,313
74		Tip Fee Stab Fund	3/31	3/31	680,000
75		Transfer of Cemetery Funds	4/7	4/7	\$160,000
76		Overlay Reserve	3/31	3/31	500,000
77		Stabilization Fund	3/31	3/31	1,580,000+
78		Free Cash	3/31	3/31	582,051
STM3		FY10 Appropriations & Budget Transfers	3/17	3/17	No action
STM4		Fire Station Renovation	3/15	3/15	\$4,950,000
STM5		Community Safety Renovations	3/15		

## VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen	3/24	3/24	359,633	
3	Town Manager	3/8	3/8	417,916	
4	Personnel	3/15	3/15	\$177,896	
5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22	491,878	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22	399,044	
7	Treasurer	4/5	4/5	577,464	
8	Postage	4/5	4/5	156,796	
9	Assessors	4/7	4/7	307,598	
10	Legal	3/1	3/1	409,316	
11	Town Clerk	3/8	3/8	234,810	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/8	3/8	59,873	
13	Parking	4/5	4/5	106,460	
14	Planning	3/8	3/8	231,352	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/8	3/8	270,454	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/24	2/24	23,890	
17	Public Works	3/24	3/24	6,595,734	
17g	Street Lights	3/8	3/8	418,893	
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/24	3/24	386,246	
18b	Police	3/24	3/24	5,687,196	
18c	Fire	3/1	3/1	5,463,081	15-1
18d	Support	3/24	3/24	708,384	
19	Inspections	3/8	3/8	367,894	
20	Education	3/29			
21	Library	2/22	2/22	1,888,852	12-1
22a	Health & Human Services	3/24	3/24	287,436	
22b	Veterans	3/15	3/15	326,568	
22c	COA	3/15	3/24	148,928	
23	Retirement	3/8	3/8	7,003,065	
24	Insurance	4/5	4/5	19,367,863	
25	Reserve Fund		4/5	600,000	=
W&S EF	Rev 16733559 Exp 16733559	4/5	4/5	0	

Rec EF	Rev 563,228 Exp 562,340	4/7	4/7	-948	
Rnk EF	Rev 552,000 Exp 539,364	4/7	4/7	-12,636	
COA EF	Rev 124,292 Exp 114,973	4/7	4/7	-9,319	15-1
Youth EF	Rev 16,000 Exp 166,451	4/7	4/7	150,451	